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OCCUPANCY AND EARNINGS OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any data showing occupancy and earnings of individual trains;

(b) if so, the approximate number of the trains running with low occupancy during 2005-06 and 2006-07, Zone-wise.

(c) whether the Railways have made any study for low occupancy of such trains;

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken for optimum benefits from the operations of such trains by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c): Study of occupancy and earning of trains is a continuous exercise being carried out by Zonal Railways to take corrective steps to improve the earning and occupancy wherever the occupancy is found low. Some trains have been cancelled due to low occupancy while quotas/compositions of trains have been changed in respect of some other trains with low occupancy so as to improve their patronization. No centralized statistics of train-wise occupation/ earning is maintained covering both reserved & unreserved segments.

(d) & (e) The various steps which are being taken to improve the occupancy of less patronised trains areas are as under : -

i) Introducing fast services and reducing running time of existing trains;

ii) Making the timings of trains more convenient, if possible;

iii) Studying the profiles of trains through Passenger Profile Management (PPM) project to make necessary modifications like re-distribution of reservation quota, augmentation/reduction of load of train etc.;

iv) Introducing new type of trains catering to specific requirements of passengers;

v) Cancellation of poorly patronised trains.